

# CAN HUNDREDS OF INJURIES IN RHODE ISLAND BE PREVENTED?

## Injury Prevention and the Media in Rhode Island

*Monday*  
*June 19, 2006*

8:00 a.m. ~ 9:30 a.m.

Hasbro Children's Hospital  
Collis Room

Please join members of the media for a lively discussion about how the media covers injuries in Rhode Island. Learn what the public health community is doing to reduce the burden of injuries on our state.

Each year Rhode Island experiences...

- Hundreds of injury-related deaths
- Thousands of injury-related hospitalizations
- Countless injuries leading to long-term disabilities
- Billions of dollars in health care and social support resources

*These deaths and injuries are preventable!*

*8:00 a.m.*

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Breakfast Reception

*8:30 a.m.*

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**Overview of Injury Prevention & the Injury  
Community Planning Group**

**Michael J. Mello, MD, MPH, Director, Injury Prevention Center**

*8:45 a.m.*

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**Injury Prevention: A Compelling Story**

Media Panel Discussion – Moderated by:

**Barbara Morse-Silva, WJAR, NBC 10 Health Check Reporter**

**Sue Areson, Metropolitan Managing Editor, *Providence Journal***

**Peter Wells, Manager, *The Providence American***

**Bill George, Program Director/News Director, WHJJ-AM**

*9:15 a.m.*

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Press Briefing

**Release of “The Burden of Injury in Rhode Island: A State Profile”**

**Thomas P. Gilson, MD, FCAP**

Chief Medical Examiner for the State of Rhode Island will release new data and discuss the problem of injuries in Rhode Island.

Please park in Lot A at Rhode Island Hospital, accessible at 593 Eddy Street. Parking vouchers will be provided upon arrival. Enter through Hasbro Children's Hospital main upper lobby.

To RSVP, contact Kerri Lynn, (401) 222-3496 by June 15, 2006

Brought to you by: The Injury Community Planning Group (ICPG), a partnership of the Rhode Island Department of Health and the Injury Prevention Center at Rhode Island Hospital. The ICPG is a group of professionals representing a broad range of agencies and organizations concerned with building Rhode Island's capacity to address injury prevention. Its mission is to support injury prevention with collaboration and resources to implement priorities and recommendations identified in the Rhode Island Injury Prevention Plan.



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